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Letter dated 10 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the written statement of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran in exercise of its right of reply to the remarks made by Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of Argentina, on 25 September 2012 during the general debate of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly (see annex).

I would highly appreciate it if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 8.

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Statement of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran in exercise of its right of reply to the remarks made by the President of Argentina on 25 September 2012 in the general debate of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session

On Tuesday, 25 September 2012, in her address to the General Assembly, Cristina Kirchner, President of the Republic of Argentina, made some remarks with reference to the Islamic Republic of Iran. In regard to those remarks and with due reference to my letter dated 28 September 2010 to the President of the General Assembly (A/65/495), the following position is recalled:

> The Islamic Republic of Iran is a victim of terrorism and its many nationals and officials have suffered from the scourge of terrorism. Among other things, this painful experience has been a main drive for Iran to persist in its position to condemn all acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and to spare no effort to fight against terrorism by all legitimate means. The Islamic Republic of Iran has from the outset condemned the 1994 bombing in Buenos Aires, known as the AMIA [Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina] case, and has sympathized with its victims and families.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has already offered its readiness to cooperate with the Argentine Government within the framework of law in order to discover the truth and bring the criminals to justice and thus lessen the sorrows of the victims' families. Iran welcomes the positive reply of Argentina to its proposed initiative, resulting in the holding of bilateral negotiations between the foreign ministers in New York on 27 September 2012. Iran is confident that, with resolute determination and effective measures in the right path, truth will be uncovered and those actual perpetrators will be identified. This would certainly serve the justice which is in the interests of all parties.